

MOTHERS

We have a book prepared especially for you, which we mail free. It tells of the stomach disorders—worms, etc.—that every child is liable to and for which **Frey's Vermifuge** has been successfully used for a half century.

Use Frey's Vermifuge for 25 CENTS.

FREY'S VERMIFUGE

Among the Truckers.

Mr. S. W. Westbrook, who was up the Wilmington and Weldon railroad yesterday tells us that the frost did not kill all the huckleberries up that way. He thinks there will be a good crop of Sampson Blues.

The shipments of strawberries and truck between here and Mt. Olive, on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, yesterday, was the heaviest of the season. Seven refrigerator cars of the California Fruit Transportation Company carried off 5,000 crates of strawberries to the northern markets. Nine cars went to New York, four to Philadelphia, three to Boston and one to Chicago. Two refrigerator cars of truck also left for Philadelphia. The prospects are good for still larger shipments on Monday.

The Messenger returns thanks to Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Faison, the progressive pioneer berry grower, for a lot of very fine "Middleton Early" strawberries. These berries are of handsome size, delicious flavor, beautiful and uniform color, and are the finest of all the varieties of berries we have ever seen. On account of their solid qualities the berry growers regard them as the very best carrying berries for shipment to distant markets. They are also the earliest berries in this section. Mr. Westbrook having commenced picking on the 25th of March. In consequence of their fine quality these berries have been bringing from 20 to 25 cents more per quart than any other berries shipped to the northern markets. Mr. Westbrook is making a specialty of this berry.

Instead of Braces.

Make it a rule to keep the back of the neck close to the back of the collar. Roll the shoulders backward and downward.

Try to squeeze the shoulder blades together many times a day. Stand erect at short intervals during the day—head up, chin in, chest out, shoulders back.

Walk or stand with the hands clasped behind the head and the elbows wide apart.

Walk about, or even run upstairs with ten to forty pounds on the top of the head.

Try to look at the top of your high-top vest or your necktie.

Practice the arm movements of breast stroke swimming while standing or walking.

Hold the arms behind the back. Carry a cane or umbrella behind the small of the back or behind the neck.

Put the hands on the hips, with elbows back and fingers forward.

Walk with the thumbs in the armpits of the vest.

When walking swing the arms and shoulders strongly backward.

Stand now and then during the day with all the posterior parts of the body so far as possible, touching a vertical wall.

Look upward as you walk on the sunny side of the street.—Youth's Companion.

Attempt to Burn a Minister's Residence

The Rev. John W. McCrary had an almost miraculous escape from being burnt out of house and home last night by the torch of an incendiary.

It was about 9 o'clock that a message came over the telephone to the police station from Dr. McCrary stating that he wished a police officer detailed to watch his residence, at 195 West Mitchell street, as there was danger of his house being set on fire during the night. The officer on that beat was at once notified to keep a sharp watch on Dr. McCrary's premises.

About 10 o'clock a reporter of The Constitution called at the home of Dr. McCrary. He secured a lamp and piloted the newspaper man into the back yard.

"Now," said the doctor, "look," pointing to a heap of charred lumber beneath the rear wing room of his residence; "look at that." Some one slipped into my yard about 8 o'clock and started a blaze in that old lumber for the purpose of reducing my home to ashes and probably cremating my wife and myself if we had been asleep."

It was very evident that there had been quite a blaze in the lumber pile under the house, and it was just such a fire which would have got quick headway if it had not been discovered in time.

Under the house was a large lot of dry lumber and in this a fire had kindled a blaze with fat splinters. The fire was discovered just in time and by a mere accident. In relating how he and his wife were saved from the incendiary's torch, Dr. McCrary said:

"Mrs. McCrary went to the rear door to close it for the night, and, looking out into the yard, saw a bright light. She was frightened and instead of calling me ran into the yard. Seeing the blaze she got a bucket of water and dashed it upon the flames. After subduing the fire she called to me and I helped her put the fire entirely out. I made an investigation and saw without a doubt that somebody tried to burn down the house."—Atlanta Constitution, April 23.

Strawberry Patch Destroyed by Fire.

The statement that a strawberry patch was destroyed by fire would sound queer, but Mr. C. F. Herring, who has a farm two miles from Clinton had two acres of strawberries burned on Wednesday. Fire broke out in the woods near his strawberry patch, and communicated to the straw which he used to cover his berries to protect them from frost. The straw and the berries were swept off the ground. Mr. Herring's loss was several hundred dollars.

CITY AFFAIRS.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Contract for Lighting the City Awarded to the Street Railway Company—Alderman Keith Wants the City to Own its Own Lighting Plant, Waterworks and Sewerage.

Mayor S. P. Wright issued a call yesterday afternoon for a meeting of the board of aldermen last night at 8 o'clock to consider the award of contracts for lighting the streets, markets and public buildings, and for furnishing the city brick, lime and other materials. In pursuance of the call, Mayor Wright, and Aldermen B. F. Keith, A. J. Hewlett, A. J. Walker, D. J. Benson and H. C. Twining, assembled at the hall. Aldermen J. G. Norwood and E. M. Green failed to put in an appearance, and as there was no quorum present, the aldermen named waited anxiously for the two absent aldermen to come in. They had both been notified and requested to attend the meeting. Mayor Wright finally sent Aldermen Hewlett in a buggy to the Fifth ward to bring Alderman Green to the city hall, if he could be found and induced to come. Alderman Hewlett found the stay-at-home Alderman and got back to the hall at 9:15 p. m.

As a quorum was thus secured, the board met and was called to order at 9:20 p. m., by Mayor Wright. City Clerk F. B. Rice was at his post.

Mayor Wright stated the object of the meeting, and bids for lighting the city were opened. There were two bids, one from the Wilmington Gaslight Company, whose bid for furnishing lights was as follows: Seventy-three are lamps at \$9 per lamp per month; \$2 each for gas lamps per month; \$2.50 per month each for gaslights in the alleys; \$28.50 per month for lighting the three markets, and \$1.50 per thousand for gas for lighting the city hall with gas.

The other bid was from the Wilmington Street Railway Company. Their bid was as follows: Seventy-three are lamps at \$7 each per month or \$6.12 per annum; two are lights in Front street-market, at \$10 each per month, or \$240 per year; incandescent lights 50 cents each. The bid was made with the statement that the contract could be entered upon June 1st.

After the bids had been read by the clerk, Mayor Wright said he noticed that there were present representatives of both companies, and the board would no doubt like to hear from them.

Eugene S. Martin, Esq., president of the Wilmington Gaslight Company, addressed the board. He stated that the city acts required the bids for lighting the city to be awarded annually to a responsible and competent bidder. He went on to say that his company had been lighting the city for a number of years and was prepared to carry out the contract if awarded to it. The Street Railway Company, he said, was not a competent bidder, for it has no plant now and if awarded the contract would have to put in a plant. He submitted to the board that no bid should be accepted under these circumstances. He said if the contract was awarded to the Street Railway Company, they could not get ready in time to carry out its contract, as that company has no poles or wires up throughout the city.

Mr. M. F. H. Gouveneur, general manager of the Street Railway Company, answered Mr. Martin by saying his company would give bond for the faithful performance of its contract. He said his bid was made with the statement that his company would be ready by June 1st to light the city but he would guarantee that they would put up most of the lights in two weeks, and in two weeks more would have the entire system of lights in.

Mr. Martin called attention to the fact that his company has large capital invested here, that its stockholders all live here and spend their money here, that they pay from 1-7 to 1-8 of the city taxes. He also called attention to the fact that when electric lights were first put in by the company are lights were \$12, then the company reduced them to \$10 and then to \$9, and that without any company here to compete and compel them to make reductions. He stated that Wilmington was getting cheaper lights than any city he knew of.

Mr. Heiskell said Mr. Skelding, of his company had just returned from Knoxville, Tenn., and that city was now being lighted at \$7 per arc lamp.

Alderman Twining said he thought the home company should be encouraged.

Alderman Keith also said he would like to favor the home company but he would have to vote for the lowest bidder. He said that under the gold standard everything had come down but lights and they would have to come down, too.

Alderman Walker said it must be remembered that the Street Railway Company was also a home enterprise.

Alderman Green wanted to defer action, but Mayor Wright said it would be impossible to defer the matter.

Finally a motion of Alderman Keith, the contract was awarded to the Street Railway Company, provided Mr. Gouveneur would guarantee to have most of his plant ready in two weeks and the balance in two weeks more.

Mr. Gouveneur added that agreement to his bid, and the motion to award the contract to his company was adopted.

Bids for furnishing the city with

lime, cement and brick were opened. The bidders were Colonel Roger Moore, Mr. J. T. Riley, French Bros., James T. Riley & Company and George Harris, Jr. On motion of Alderman Twining the contract was awarded to Colonel Moore at the following bids: Lime 90 cents and \$1 per barrel; cement \$1.20, \$2.50 and \$2.75 per barrel, paying brick \$7.50 per thousand delivered, common brick \$6.90 delivered, sewer pipe 70 cents off price list enclosed.

Alderman Keith said he was opposed to either company's lighting the city; that the city ought to own its own lighting plant, waterworks and sewerage system. He said he would offer a resolution to that effect.

Alderman Green objected, as the board had finished the business for which it had been called.

The mayor said Mr. Keith could not introduce his resolution except by consent.

Alderman Keith said he simply wanted to introduce his resolution for future consideration.

Alderman Green then withdrew his objection and Mr. Keith introduced the following:

"Whereas, It is an established fact that the water supply and the sewerage system of the city of Wilmington is wholly inadequate to the needs of the city, and the water now furnished by the present waterworks company is wholly unfit for drinking and domestic purposes;

"And whereas further, The electric light plant ought to be owned and operated by the city at the least expense to our citizens, supplying abundant light and cheap light;

"And whereas further, The water supply should be the best that can be obtained and supplied in continuous volume, adequate to the present and future needs of the city, therefore

"Resolved, That the mayor appoint a committee composed of three members who shall investigate the entire subject of water, light and sewerage, and report to this board at their earliest convenience fully upon the matter here confided to them, with such recommendations as in their judgment would best secure the city's interest and promote the health of our citizens."

Alderman Keith gave some figures and said an electric light plant could be constructed for \$50,000, and waterworks for \$75,000. That \$125,000 in bonds could be issued at 4 per cent. interest, which would make a saving of \$12,500 to the city, not considering the expense of operating the plants. He said the city now paid \$17,500 for water and lights.

On motion of Alderman Twining, Alderman Keith's resolutions were adopted.

Mayor Wright named Alderman Keith and Mr. D. L. Gore as two of the committee. He will name the other member later.

The board then adjourned.

The Truckers' Shipping Master.

The following, under the head of "Our Shipping Master," is from The Truckers' and Planters' Journal, of Chadbourn, N. C.:

"The subject of this sketch, Mr. H. T. Bauman, of Wilmington, N. C., has recently been elected shipping master of the Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Bauman, who is in the prime of life, is admirably suited for the position for which he has been elected by reason of his long acquaintance with transportation matters, and from the fact of his thorough knowledge of the requirements of an office of this kind. Mr. Bauman was for a dozen years or more in the service of the Atlantic Coast Line, first as a freight agent, and afterwards as forwarding agent at South Rocky Mount, where all business from both north and south was dispatched to its destination. His training in both the tariff and transportation departments of the Coast Line system gave him an insight into all the details of the movement of trains and the forwarding of freight—he is, therefore, a valuable acquisition to the Truckers' Association, and will unquestionably manage the business entrusted to him in such a manner as will be satisfactory to the truckers, merchants and railroad authorities. We will publish next week a cut of this handsome gentleman, so that all of our friends can see what sort of a looking man will look after their interest and keep them posted as to what is going on in the various cities to which their truck is consigned. Mr. Bauman's office will be at Wilmington, N. C."

ANOTHER INJUNCTION.

Judge Adams Enjoins the Private Stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad From Holding a Meeting.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—Judge Adams grants a temporary restraining order on the application of President Hancock of the Atlantic and North Carolina railway, enjoining its private stockholders from meeting. Normally the application is in behalf of the county of Craven; really it is in behalf of the state by Hancock. It is removable before Judge Timberlake.

Mr. B. B. Aycock applied to Judge Adams for the order. The counsel are Aycock & Daniel, Pearsall, Ward and S. W. Hancock. The federal court has enjoined the governor from appointing state proxy for this road. Some of the private stockholders issued a circular urging all private stockholders to meet April 27th, so as to change by-laws and evade the amendment adopted at the last legislative session before appointment of state proxy. The amendment referred to provides that no meeting of stockholders shall be effective unless the state proxy is personally present and that his presence shall be necessary to make a quorum. Judge Adams was at work until 2 o'clock this morning on this case.

REPUBLICANS OF RALEIGH.

Nominate Frank Stronach for Mayor. Dave Sutton Not Allowed to Address the Convention—State Board of Education to Meet.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—At the republican city convention tonight Frank Stronach was endorsed for mayor. W. J. Rogers, tax collector, R. W. Wayne, clerk, Dave Sutton, of New Hanover, tried to speak, but was howled down. Stronach spoke.

The state board of education meets tomorrow to appoint new trustees for all seven negro normal schools, save the one at Fayetteville and to elect, under the terms of the new law, a state board of examiners, which is to have power to grant life certificates to public school teachers without annual examination. This new board will be composed of the state superintendent and a professor of public college, a private college and a common school.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE SPRING TERM REACHED AN ADJOURNMENT YESTERDAY.

Judge Melver Decides in Favor of the Wadesboro Branch of the Bank of New Hanover—The Assets Separated From Those of the Parent Bank—Dividends for the Depositors of Both Banks.

Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Friday evening, the superior court of New Hanover county, met yesterday at 10 a. m., His Honor Judge Melver presiding. The following cases were disposed of:

Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover, vs. L. Vollers, et al judgment for defendant. The plaintiff made a motion for a new trial. Motion was overruled, whereupon the plaintiff took an appeal to the supreme court.

Singer Manufacturing Company vs. H. Merritt, judgment for plaintiff for \$40 and interest.

Carolina Central Railroad Company vs. Wilmington Street Railway Company, 30 days allowed to file complaint, and 60 days to file answer as of this term.

John S. Watters vs. the American Manufacturing and Export Company, receiver continued as to the assets of the company.

Frank Swift vs. W. H. Howe and the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company judgment for defendants. Plaintiff appealed to the supreme court.

Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover vs. H. G. Smallbones, judgment for plaintiff signed.

The following cases were continued: Alex. Sprunt vs. William C. Peake; Homes & Sutton vs. W. C. Peake; Samuel Blossom and wife vs. M. G. Chadwick et al; Lula M. Clayton vs. Carolan Central Railroad Company; Joseph Silvy vs. The Inter-State Telephone and Telegraph Company; Mary McNeill vs. Robert McNeill.

On motion of the attorneys for Junius Davis, Esq., receiver of the Bank of New Hanover, at Wilmington, the court ordered a dividend of 2 per cent. to be paid June 20, 1897, to depositors and creditors.

On motion of the attorneys of Mr. James A. Leak, receiver of the branch bank of New Hanover, at Wadesboro, the court ordered a dividend of 2 per cent. to be paid to depositors and other creditors, May 1st.

In the case of Holmes and Waters and S. McD. Tate, treasurer of the state of North Carolina vs. the Bank of New Hanover, Junius Davis, receiver, of the Bank of New Hanover, at Wilmington, and the branch of the Bank of New Hanover, at Wadesboro, in relation to the petition of W. A. Smith, the court rendered a decision separating the assets of the two banks. The following is a part of the judgment.

"It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the assets of the branch at Wadesboro now in the hands of James A. Leak, receiver, be applied to the payment of the debts contracted at, and due by said branch bank at Wadesboro, as distinguished from the debts contracted at, and due by the Bank of New Hanover at Wilmington, the parent bank, and that any surplus remaining after paying the expenses incident to the management of the trust by the receiver at Wadesboro, and the said branch be turned over to Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover at Wilmington, to be applied as the court may direct. It is further ordered that the costs incurred in this reference and adjudication be paid by Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover."

The court at 12 m. adjourned. Judge McIver has gone to Clinton and will convene the superior court of Sampson county there tomorrow.

ZITO, O. POLEMOS.

The Farewell Cry to the 450 Greeks who Sailed from New York to Join Their Country's Army in the War Against the Turks.

New York, April 24.—Four hundred and fifty Greeks sailed today for Havre en route to the scene of the war between their native country and Turkey. All night long, the Greek colony in the vicinity of Roosevelt and Madison streets was astir, and enthusiasm for the fatherland found vent in speeches, in songs and cheers. A brass band played national airs at intervals and the war cry "Zito O Polemos" greeted every utterance of a patriotic character that became audible above the din. In addition to the 450 who took passage on board La Champagne, there were many others anxious to go to the front, but for the time being, there was no possibility of providing them with transportation. They were promised, however, that in a few days they would be sent forward to join their brethren in arms on the frontiers of Greece.

A large concourse followed the homeward Greeks from the headquarters to the pier of the French steamship line. At the head went a brass band playing the Greek national anthem. When the warriors had boarded La Champagne they were lined up on deck, while James Patterson, the local representative of the National League, made them an impassioned speech, breathing of the most patriotic fervor, uttering a prayer for the safety of the men going to the front and expressing the hope that they would give a good account of themselves. As the vessel steamed out from the dock, the cheering redoubled in vigor and the patriots rushed to the stern and responded with "Zitos," and waved au vairs to their friends.

Treasurer Spalding Sent to Jail.

Chicago, April 24.—Charles W. Spalding, president of the Globe Savings bank and treasurer of the University of Illinois board of trustees, was placed in jail today on order of Judge Dunne, of the circuit court, who was dissatisfied with the bond given by Spalding on the occasion of his arrest a few days ago on the charge of embezzlement, referred by the university alumni. The hearing of the case came up today and Spalding waived examination.

NEWS FROM THE FLOOD

More Land Being Inundated—The River Generally Falling—Destitute People on the Red River in Dakota—Uneasiness as to Other Levees.

Washington, April 23.—The army officer sent from Fort Snelling, Minn., to the Red river section of Dakota, has arrived on the scene of the flood and today reported to the war department as follows: "I had a conference with Mayor G. A. McCrea, J. K. Fairchild and J. K. Wylie, of the relief committee, who have just returned from making their rounds. Twenty families comprising 105 persons are destitute and in need of immediate aid. Thirty-two hundred rations will be sufficient for the next thirty days and can be purchased here at 10 cents per ration. I recommend a sufficient sum be placed at the disposal of the mayor to provide relief. The river is falling.

The situation in the Mississippi valley is set out in the following telegram from the army inspector at Memphis: "The levees are improving. No more supplies are needed at Trotter's landing. Helena does not want more supplies. The committee say they want money to spend there. There is no more destitution there. There is no truth in the report that negroes could not obtain supplies in Helena. worthy destitutes are supplied."

Memphis, Tenn., April 23.—No new levees have appeared in the levees today, but the current of the river is still beating against the southern embankments with a fury that causes the gravest apprehension. The break at Delta has inundated 75,000 acres of the finest plantations in southern Louisiana and the water continues to pour through the opening and is rapidly spreading over a greater area. Reports from Greenville are not encouraging. While the water is slowly receding in the overflowed district of the Yazoo delta, yet it is almost certain that the planting of this year's crop will be thirty days late.

The situation north of Memphis and in Arkansas, however, has greatly improved. From Cairo, Ill., April 23.—A most encouraging report comes. It is to the effect that the river there fell several tenths of a foot since the last bulletin was issued and will continue to fall at that rate for some days to come.

At Vicksburg and New Orleans, there is no change, the river remaining stationary. At all other points from which bulletins are issued a decline is reported varying from one-tenth to eight-tenths of a foot.

The Missouri river at Kansas City and at Omaha fell three-tenths of a foot. The rivers at Nashville and Chattanooga also showed a fall. In fact, no Mississippi reported at any point covered by the weather bureau in its official bulletin.

St. Louis, Mo., April 23.—The river is unchanged here, but many people are becoming gloomy again over the threatened outlook for rain and wind tonight. The levees are being soaked and are now seeping.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 23.—The alarming condition of Hardcastle levee, reported from Natchez tonight, occasioned much anxiety for the front of Tensas parish, which is alone exempt from overflow by the Bigges crevasse. It gives the impression that the inundation of the fifth Louisiana levee district, except east Carroll parish, whose levees are also very good, and a small portion of the Mississippi levee, is now a matter of time.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 23.—There is every reason to believe there is much suffering in the interior, where many negroes and small means or none at all, are surrounded by many miles of water.

FAYETTEVILLE'S MAYORALTY.

Call for Ward Primaries—The Truck Farm Still Flourishing—The Cathode Ray Miscellaneous Notes.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Fayetteville, N. C., April 24.

Meetings will be held next Monday evening in the different wards of the city for the purpose of nominating aldermen, and on Tuesday evening there will be a convention to ratify the action of the wards, and to place in nomination a mayor and board of audit and finance. Fayetteville will rest satisfied with one mayor; and, whether it be Captain B. R. Huske or the present incumbent, Colonel W. S. Cook, who has always ably and worthily served his fellow citizens, the interests of the municipality will be in good hands.

Your correspondent knows of no more conservative man in his views than Mr. Andrew roadfoot, trucker and fruit grower; and he declares that certainly in this section the recent cold has left abundance of "truck" and fruit, both berries and peaches. The frost seemed to strike in spots; and while some pea fields and berry patches were "scalded," fields near by were untouched. The Messrs. Fittell have a splendid crop of strawberries almost ready for market. The asparagus crop has been unusually fine, and large shipments have been made.

Professor H. L. Smith, of Davidson College, lectures in the opera house next Monday evening under the auspices of the literary societies of the military academy on the Roentgen ray. Messrs. J. R. Williams and W. L. Holt have issued a very neat booklet, the cover handsomely illustrated, embodying the constitutions and by-laws of the club owning beautiful "Lake-wood," where extensive improvements are daily going on.

A very pleasant after-Easter german, bringing together the elite, the gallantry and the beauty of the city, was held at the Hotel LaFayette on Thursday evening.

An alarm of fire about 8:30 o'clock evening set Haymount in a hubbub of noise and excitement and gave all down-town a striking picture of a great pillar of smoke and fire stretching with lurid glare over the town. The elevation made a seeming conflagration out of the burning of a small dwelling occupied by a colored family.

Mr. Jno. R. Tolar, now a very successful business man of New York, is visiting Fayetteville, his old home.

The Inter-Collegiate Races.

Philadelphia, April 21.—The great inter-collegiate and inter-scholastic relay races, which the college world has been anticipating for so long, were run at Franklin today under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. The track was four laps to the mile. While but one record was broken, the inter-collegiate four mile relay team of Pennsylvania, consisting of four students, were entered, and, in addition to this, three championship events between the big colleges were decided. Pennsylvania carried off the honors in two of these, defeating Brown university in the two-mile championship relay and Yale in the four-mile championship relay. In the Yale mile race, which was scheduled to take part, but which was not run, the four-mile team of Pennsylvania and Georgetown were defeated, leaving Pennsylvania and Yale the only contestants.

QUEER STATE OF AFFAIRS

AS TO OFFICE OF BOOKKEEPER OF THE PENITENTIARY.

Agricultural Department Officials Inspecting Orchards for San Jose Scale—The Fearful Death of Mr. S. T. Pender—Great Falling off in Number of Registered Whiskey Distilleries—Marked Activity in Mica Mining—Republican Municipal Convention.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., April 23.

Superintendent Smith of the penitentiary today went to the penitentiary farm at Castle Haynes, to arrange for sending more convicts there.

There is a queer state of affairs in regard to the bookkeeper of the penitentiary. Frank Wimbish, of Oxford, was elected. The board first gave instructions that he should be put in the office and learn the duties. But yesterday the superintendent was notified to let matters stand until the July meeting of the board. It is now asserted that the odds are against Wimbish's getting the place at all. The affair has roused a good deal of feeling.

Today State Agricultural Commissioner Patterson, Secretary Bruner, State Chemist Battle, State Entomologist Gerald McCarthy and J. VanLanduyt left here to inspect the fruit orchards near Southern Pines, to see what is the extent of the San Jose fruit scale. The question to be considered is how far the commissioners can go in destroying infected trees. The new act gives considerable power to the board. Some orchards were found by McCarthy to be infected.

The Oxford people are interested now in building a railway to Dickinson, four and one half miles, to connect with the Durham and Northern railway. The line is already graded.

Fifty sets of the Colonial Records are ordered distributed by the state library board. There is great demand for them.

During the summer an annex will be built at the colored institution for the deaf mutes and blind.

The killing of Mr. S. T. Pender, general passenger agent of the Carolina and Northwestern railway (until recently the Chester and Lenoir), is one of the most horrible occurrences of the month. He fell between the cars, while trying to board a moving train, and was dragged 100 yards before he was run over. One side of his head was cut off, and his brains fell out; his abdomen and thighs were crushed, one arm was broken and one foot nearly cut off. There are complaints of the presence of rosin in a good deal of the tobacco marketed in the eastern part of the state, this being done by the use of pine "sticks" in curing.

In view of the fact that the legislature enacted a strong law forbidding the sale of the Capers Four and Valley railway save as an entirety it is difficult to see how any court can reopen that matter. The law was drawn for that express purpose.

Tobacco receipts are now falling off very greatly. It is quite clear that considerably over half the 1896 crop is marketed.

A year ago Gaston county led the state in the number of its registered whiskey distilleries, forty being in operation. Now there are only six at work.

The section hands on the Southern railway have been still further reduced in numbers this week.

Reports show marked activity in mica mining in this state. Mitchell county is the centre of this industry. A few days ago a mine fell in and ruined \$3,000 worth of machinery.

The Monro cotton mills, in Iredell county, after eight months suspension for repairs and additions, have resumed working. The cordage factory, the Roan Salisbury has also begun work. It was recently sold.

Rev. Rufus King, a Quaker, is here seeking aid for the Friends' orphanage at High Point.

The republican primaries held here last night elected delegates to the city convention, which met tonight and which endorsed Frank Stronach for mayor, he being the independent candidate. It is asserted that the odds are William M. Russ, the democratic nominee, will be elected by a handsome majority.

The weather observer here says that a hot wave is coming and expects to see a temperature of ninety degrees before April ends.

The Norfolk amateurs will present here April 29th "Princess Bonnie," at the Academy of Music.

J. F. Carlton, of Statesville, is appointed assistant surgeon general of the state guard.

The three successive frosts this week in the western part of the state leave little hope for peaches and